

THURSTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE

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WANT TO COMMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

The Thurston County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update on **October 15, 2019, at 5:30 PM** or soon thereafter at the **Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 280, at 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia WA, 98502**. This public hearing is on the core items of the Comprehensive Plan Update, which includes updates to chapters 1-10, chapter 12, glossary, appendices, maps, and a proposed land use amendment and associated rezone of the Evergreen State College and associated code amendment to include new zoning standards for a Major Educational zone in Title 20 of the Thurston County Code.

In an effort to continue important discussions of other major items, the Mineral Lands Update, Long Term Forestry update, Chapter 11 – Health, Joint Plans, and other associated code amendments (such as ADU and FMU standards, Mineral Extraction Code, and others) are continuing items, and will not be part of this public hearing. These items will return at a later time.

BACKGROUND

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan describes the long-term vision, goals, and policies that guide growth in the County. Elements of the Comprehensive Plan cover land use, housing, transportation, economic development, natural resources, environment and more.

PERIODIC UPDATE

The County is updating its Comprehensive Plan, as required under state Growth Management rules (RCW 36.70A).

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

100,000 
More residents between 2017 and 2040

WHAT DOES FUTURE GROWTH MEAN FOR...?

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| * Homes | * Farms |
| * Jobs | * Forests |
| * Roads | * Water |
| * Schools | * Open Space |

Summer 2019

- * Planning Commission Review
- * PC Public Hearing (core items) 7/10/19

Fall 2019

- * Board of County Commissioners Review

Fall 2019/Early 2020

- * BoCC Public Hearing (scheduled for 10/15/2019)
- * Adoption of core update

2020

- * PC & BoCC Review of continuing items
- * Public Hearing
- * Adoption of continuing items

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WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CHANGES OF THE CORE ITEMS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Ch. 1 - Introduction

- * Updated background information and trends

Ch. 3 - Natural Resources

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Minor updates to policy language for agriculture, aquaculture, and forestry
- * Updated language on conservation tools

Ch. 4 - Housing

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Updated goals, objectives and policies
- * Updated inventory and projection of housing needs
- * Updated information and policies related to affordable housing
- * Reviewed to affirm that manufactured housing is not regulated differently than site-built housing

Ch. 7 - Utilities

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Updated locations & capacity of existing and proposed utilities
- * Updated goals, objectives and policies

Ch. 8 - Economic Development

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Updated goals, objectives and policies

Ch. 9 - Environment, Rec. & Open Space

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Addition of information on water availability
- * Addition of information on climate change

Ch. 2 - Land Use

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Updated goals, objectives and policies
- * Updated population projections & building intensities
- * Updated policies for land uses adjacent to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)
- * Updated provisions to protect water quantity and quality
- * Revisions to the Institutional Land Use Designation, & new proposed new zoning standards (TCC 20.64)
- * Proposed Land Use Amendment & associated rezone for The Evergreen State College

Ch. 5 - Transportation

- * Updated goals, objectives and policies
- * Updated inventory of transportation facilities and services
- * Updated forecast of traffic and projection of state and local needs to meet transportation demands
- * Updated Level of Service standards
- * Updated pedestrian & bicycle component

Ch. 6 - Capital Facilities

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Reformatted for consistency with rest of Plan
- * Level of Service standards relocated to their specific chapter, except for government building & services

Ch. 10 - Historic Resources

- * Updated background information and trends
- * Updated goals, objectives and policies

Other major updates as part of the core items:

- * Also includes minor updates to Chapter 12—Plan Amendments; Chapter 13—Glossary; & Chapter 14—Appendices A-F
- * Updated and reformatted maps, *except for designated mineral lands (M-43) which is a continuing item*
- * New proposed zoning regulations (TCC 20.64) for Major Educational Institutions
- * Proposed Land Use Amendment and associated zoning change for the Evergreen State College
- * A Review of current code and policies on Manufactured Housing, with no proposed changes at this time

Have a question or want to submit a comment?

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